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A Call From This Year's 3,700.

According to the report which accompanies the Senate bill, to provide a probation and parole system for the District —
The whole number whom it is possible this law will reach is, therefore, not less than 3,700; and after the first year the same calculation would indicate that it would reach about 3,600 persons every year.
The chief purpose for which this probation and parole system is proposed is to relieve the courts of the burden of trying cases of minor offenses, and to place the offender under the supervision of a probation officer, who will report to the court the progress of the offender. If the offender is found to be a good citizen, the court may discharge him; if not, the court may sentence him to prison.
It makes possible the support of dependents by the prisoner, and not by the state. In more than 80 per cent of the cases recorded it precludes later trials of the same persons, and so relieves the dockets of the courts. It enables the courts more nearly to fix punishments according to individual needs, and not according to the snap judgment of a jury. In the District of Columbia it will go far toward relieving the congestion at the jail. It has invariably worked an almost incredible saving in money.
These benefits for an entire year hang on the likelihood of action before Congress adjourns its current session. The Senate has bill and report both; it can and should act before the week is out. In the House everything will depend upon the District Committee, and the call to the members of that committee from the families of this year's 3,700 men and women is loud.

A National Problem.

That the need for housing people securely is national finds another dreadful illustration in the fact that hundreds of dead and thousands of injured are lying in the wake of the tornado that swept across the Gulf States Friday and Saturday. One of the reports of the disaster from New Orleans says: "With the wounded came the details of one of the worst wind disasters in the history of the Gulf States. First of all, it became known that negroes comprised most of the dead; that the picturesque dark cabins, noted for their happy-go-lucky construction, had been converted by the wind into wholesale death-traps. It was in the fall of these cabins, which went down almost without warning, that most of the negro deaths occurred. These always overdone cabins also furnished most of the badly wounded."
The Pacific coast, which lies in the earthquake belt, had its lesson when San Francisco was partly destroyed two years ago. However, the city at the Golden Gate was at that time but the most conspicuous of many examples of the danger of disregarding the need of proper building plans and laws. Fate is certainly tempted when no provision is made for emergencies whose coming, though uncertain, is none the less possible.
Here, on this side of the country, people are seeing in the Chelsea disaster a warning to communities lax in the matter of providing against fire — an element just as terrible as the water that overwhelmed Galveston, and the wind that has just spread death and wreckage from the Gulf of Mexico north of Arkansas. The Collinwood school catastrophe was another awful example of the ravages of fire.
Left to themselves, builders and tenants will take chances, very desperate chances, indeed, and the fact that this is done either ignorantly or indifferently goes to show the necessity for stricter laws regulating such matters.
Experience, sternest of all teachers, has been drilling the country sensationally of late.

To Redeem Rock Creek.

A turgid sewer now flows between Washington and Georgetown. Across it, within a distance of a mile, are four bridges — two of them far away from the lines of travel, and the other two close together. The valley through which this sewer rolls might be made into a beautiful park of many terraces; it is now a public ash-heap.
This is the need which a special commission — consisting of Engineer Commissioner Morrow, Assistant Engineer Markham, and Engineer of Bridges Douglass — would meet by converting Rock Creek valley into an open park. The two last named have made an exhaustive survey of the ground. Its soils and subsoil have been tested, drives and walks have been planned, and a careful statement made of the probable cost of every method of redemption which has been proposed. The plan on which the commission has fixed is not only the best, but the cheapest.
For \$4,750,000 this menace to the health of the Capital and sore to the eyes of the nation can be converted into a municipal asset — an asset in fresh air, in cool shade, in

lump-refreshing foliage and grass, in diverting ripple of clear water. Filling the valley and reducing the landscape to the monotony of a prairie would raise the cost to \$3,100,000, \$3,900,00, or \$7,230,000, according to the area treated. In the one case we should have a park without many equals in the whole country brought to the very back yards and front steps of people of the middle class; in the other we should have a mile more of roadway. The one merit which was thought to be distinctive of the latter plan, that it would provide general intercommunication between the two cities, is met by provision in the former for six new bridges.
Unfortunately, the outlook for action at this session of Congress is not bright. The Legislature is committed to the improvement of this valley. When making allowances for preliminary surveys and tests without noticeable division of opinion, it declared itself plainly. But the prospect of an appropriation now that the days are already parceled out among the committees is dim. The report comes too late. Yet it points a way to results next year, and all friends of the District should make themselves ready to procure it.

90-Cent Gas Not to End Struggle.

The Times is in receipt of various letters apropos of the communication which it printed a day or two ago from Secretary Dakin of the local Knights of Labor Assembly. Some correspondents discuss Congress and particular members of Congress, in such violent language that The Times does not feel disposed to reproduce their communications. They would arouse a measure of resentment which would make it the more difficult to get results from Congress. Congress prefers to be caught with sugar, rather than vinegar; and as there is no electoral power in the Washington public to enforce any views it may have concerning members of Congress, expressions calculated to arouse resentment can hardly accomplish good at this time.
In another column today is printed a letter from Mr. W. J. Morris, who has heretofore taken a most intelligent interest in this gas campaign. Mr. Morris raises a question which is entitled to consideration. He wants to know whether it is really best to have a 90-cent price fixed for gas at this time. He suggests that any price fixed now will continue for ten years; that the reduction to 90 cents is merely nominal, has no relation to the merits of the case, and is just what the Gas Monopoly would have suggested had it been forced to make some concession.
Mr. Morris is entirely right about all except one point. We do not believe the price fixed now will continue for ten years. If it does, this newspaper is going to be mighty bothersome to gentlemen charged with responsibility for that continuance.
It is true that the dollar price continued for ten years, and more; but in that time nobody took a real interest in bettering the situation. Hereafter there is going to be somebody watching these matters in the public interest. There is going to be developed an effective power of public opinion in this District which in time will move Congress.

The 90-cent price will be a makeshift, pending the time when a public utilities or some related plan can be adopted for control of franchised corporations. When that sort of commission is created and given such powers as like organizations have in other cities, there will be a proper inquiry into the reasonable price for gas here, and a new price will be fixed — probably about 60 cents — based on the conclusions of that investigation.
The Times does not believe it is to very long before such legislation will pass Congress. Even the prodigious ignorance of Congress about modern municipal administration cannot forever continue. Occasional rays of light break in; and just now there is good reason to believe that the very difficulties of the present method have brought Washington much nearer to a reform than most people believe.

All About a Hat.

"Those who walked down by the Common and the Public Garden yesterday," says the genial Journal, of Boston, in its issue of Monday, "and took in the display of Merry Widow hats, were then and there in touch with one of the most complex questions of the times. Not since the days of the eroline has there been such comment, such excitement; and, indeed, the eroline was the less serious problem, since indoors the surplus expanse could be stowed away or minimized, while the new hats simply magnify themselves when successfully borne across the threshold."
To cite an example for the Journal, the president of a street railway down South complains that receipts are falling off. Formerly he could stuff half a hundred un-

complaining passengers into one of his cars, but now the stuffing is over and gone. The Merry Widow hats make it impossible. He is desperate, and wants his lawyers to apply for an injunction. If legal wisdom fails to crack the nut, he threatens to make it impossible by making the doors of the cars narrower.
But the street railway man should take warning from the case reported from an Indiana town the other day, when some gallant youths, coming to the relief of a maiden in distress by reason of a millinery masterpiece, smashed the offending door, and were applauded for their quick wit. The young lady cleft the storekeeper's misery by thanking the heroes. But what did the storekeeper expect? No doubt he should have apologized.
Clergymen are beginning to complain of this 1908 headgear. It is not right, they urge, that a man saying his prayers should be disturbed or distracted by wings sweeping athwart his face; and, besides, the ushers are losing patience trying to make three sit comfortably and without trouble where five sat before. Yet there is another side to this, for the Merry Widow hat probably prevented a panic in a St. Louis church on Easter Sunday. A fire started in the sanctuary, but only a few saw it, and these few fortunately kept their heads. The people behind saw nothing — which was what they had seen from the time the service began.
When all is said and done, the futility of contending against the vogue of the Merry Widow hat must be plain to any one who thinks twice. Fashion hath decreed the thing, and fashion is the mother of necessity.

There's no use ringing all sorts of changes on the fact that the President's naval policy mustered just 23 supporters. Merely to mention the fact is ample.
The Hon. Nicholas Longworth is apparently in for a taste of the quality of one of the Little Sticks, if he doesn't actually deserve an application of the Big One.
The President has received a very fine Turkish rug, the gift of the Sultan. It is described as very heavy, deep and soft, and the understanding is that Ab. Ham, who is quite a student of American affairs, rushed it over in time to provide a lighting place for the President when he faints in surprise at a Congressional indorsement of some one of his policies.
It isn't so much their impression that Mr. Bryan is on the way to his political grave that worries the anti-Bryan Democrats, as the fact that it takes him so awfully long to get there and buried, and that when he's buried he can't be relied upon to stay buried.
It would be a right pleasant touch of reciprocity if Judge Parker should turn out as large a figure in Mr. Bryan's convention as Mr. Bryan proved in Judge Parker's convention.
Not only would Mr. Justice Gray refuse to draw a larger salary than the President receives, but he would even be willing to take the President's job at a slight reduction in the price.
Good evening, did you vote — just to see if you still remembered how, after all these years of expatriation?
Fortunately, the Sons of the Revolution are not so awfully militant as the Daughters, or we'd have war on hand all the time.

THE OLD HIGH HAT.

Oh! ye needn't be so silly. All ye lads, when I go by, Will your smirkin' an' all that. An' your smirkin' an' all that. Sure, I'm well enough to see That the cause of all your glee Is the ancient cut of me. An' me could high hat.
Arrah! lads must have their play, So I've not a word to say. 'Tis megal that the cause was gay. As the gayest wren of you. Sure, there wasn't many men That would joke about me then. When me blood was young an' when This old hat was new.
It was wild me an' me bride When the blessed knot was tied; An' it follows when she died, Where they sooth will lay me, too. It has served me all these years, Shured me laughter an' me tears, As it's shairin' now the jeers 'O the likes of you.
Now we're worn an' old an' sick, But there's joy to think, avic, That ye never held a trick. An' there's some that can't say that. So they needn't be so silly. Even they smile about me then, All talm lads, when we go by, You an' me, old hat.
—Catholic Standard.

REFLECTIONS.

In politics, as in life, we must, above all things, wish only for the attainable. —Heine.
When a man fails he generally tries to console himself by telling himself that the world does not understand him. —Florida Times.
The habit of happy thought would transform the commonest life into harmony and beauty. —Success Magazine.
There are nettles everywhere, but the smooth, green grasses are more common still. —Mrs. Browning.

MISS MARY SCOTT ENTERTAINS AT A DANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



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Who Entertained at a Dance at Her Home on Connecticut Avenue Last Evening.

Miss Mary Scott, daughter of Owen Scott, and a debutante of the season, who was prevented from participating in most of the social activities by illness, was hostess last evening at a young people's dance in her home on Connecticut avenue.
Mrs. William F. Draper received the guests for Mr. Scott and Miss Scott. The ball room was decorated with palms and ferns, and an orchestra furnished the music for the dancing. Supper was served at midnight at small tables, a different floral scheme making each table distinctive.
Miss Scott wore a dainty gown of pale yellow chiffon, and her house guest, Miss Pulitzer, of New York, wore white chiffon, with effective touches of turquoise blue.
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SOCIETY ENJOYS BENEFIT PLAY AT BELASCO

"Conquering Cupid," presented by the Paint and Powder Club of Baltimore, given at the Belasco Theater last evening for the benefit of the Christ Child Society, was enthusiastically received by a brilliant audience. The Paint and Powder boys are well known in Washington and most pleasantly remembered for their performance last year in "Don of Dora." The boxes were all filled, as were the seats, and the house was taxed to the limit of its standing capacity.
An attractive feature of the evening were the pretty girls who stood in the lobby and sold programs, under the direction of Mrs. James Dudley Morgan. They were Miss Jane Sands, Miss Marion Sands, the Misses Trescott, the Misses Taylor, Miss Lillian Stone, the Misses Perkins, Miss Magruder, the Misses Morris, Miss Mildred Merrick, and Miss Louise Chase.
Mrs. Carter, wife of Senator Carter of Montana, entertained thirty-two girls from Trinity College, and 100 Georgetown College boys occupied seats in the balcony in celebration of their possession of the baseball championship of the South, which they won yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Carter was the moving spirit of the performance last evening, making most all the arrangements in behalf of the Christ Child Society for Miss Merrick, the president.
Among those entertaining box parties were Senator and Mrs. Elkins, who had with them Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Miss Katherine Brown, and John Barrett. Mrs. Elkins wore black tulle and embroidered in gold; Mrs. Lee wore a beautiful costume of white chiffon and a black hat with a spray of purple orchids on the front, and Miss Brown wore a dainty gown of white chiffon cloth.
Mr. and Mrs. James Dudley Morgan entertained a party in an adjoining box. Mrs. Morgan's gown was of white lace embroidered in silver with diamond ornaments.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont were also among the hosts at box parties. They entertained Miss Evelyn Walsh, who wore a beautiful gown of white satin and a black hat trimmed with pale blue plumes; Miss Mathilde Townsend, who wore a gown of pale blue satin with a white picture hat; Count Hatfeldt, Viscount de Chambrun, and William B. Hibbs. Mrs. Belmont wore a handsome costume of cream lace with white diamonds and pearls, and a big black hat. Mrs. Phillips wore a becoming costume of pale pink satin and cream lace with a large white hat trimmed with long plumes. Miss Ruggles wore a dainty white satin gown with a violet hat.
In the audience were the Naval Attache of the French Embassy and Mme. de Blaupre, the Naval Attache of the German Embassy and Mme. Hebbinghaus, the Military Attache of the Russian Embassy and the Honorable Mrs. James, the Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy and Mme. Chermon, the Charge d'Affaires of the Mexican Em-

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Schleys Return.

Admiral and Mrs. Winfield Scott Schley have returned to Washington from New York, where they have been spending some time as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Stuart-Wirtley. The admiral and Mrs. Schley made their visit just at this time in order that they might attend the christening of their little granddaughter, Miss Anne Stuart-Wirtley, who was named in honor of Mrs. Schley.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp have as their guests for several days Mr. and Mrs. Willard T. Block, of Chicago. Mrs. Block is Mrs. Thropp's cousin.

Barbours Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Barbours entertained at supper after the show for a number of the Paint and Powder boys, inviting a number of Washington people to meet them.
Mrs. Reed and Harold Lewis Reed, her son, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barbours, and Charles Andrew McCann, Harry Belt, George Knapp, Alfred Knapp, Gardner Cobb, Frank Riggs, John Roone, Lloyd Undutch, Hopper Emory, Charles Gans, E. Ayrault, Robinson, and A. E. Bartlett were among the members of the club present.
Some of those invited to meet the artists were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Y. Bradley, Mrs. Williams, wife of Col. John R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hauger, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Webb, Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Dr. and Mrs. James F. Mitchell, Miss Winifred Mattingly, Miss Frederica Morgan, Miss Helen Hibbs, Miss Esther Denny, Miss Sallie Garlington, Miss Anna Cockrell, Miss Padeloff, and Miss Shriver, of Baltimore, who is visiting in Washington.

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Summer Opera Season Opens; Paint and Powder Club Scores

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The role of Carmen is especially suited to Miss Bradford. Her voice is a mezzo-soprano of dramatic quality and considerable range. There is greater volume than melody in her middle register, but her lower notes are rich and pleasing, while her higher notes are clear and true. She sings with verve and feeling and her acting is of a high order of excellence. She has a most attractive stage presence and a peculiar grace which is admirably adapted to the role of the capricious gypsy girl. The reception accorded her by the audience was most enthusiastic.
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Henri Barron appeared as Jose. His voice is not powerful, but it is well under control. His acting, while not less convincing than that of the average light opera singer, appears to disadvantage in the hands of the more vociferous actors. He is a most vivacious and charming actor, who captured all the histrionic honors of the evening.
The other members of the cast were acceptable.
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THE CAST.

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Escamillo, a torador.....Harry Luckstone
Zunega, a captain.....Richard Ridgely
Donna Jose.....George Crangin
Remendado.....Ed Solomon
Lillas Pastia.....C. W. Phillips
Michael, a peasant girl.....Miss D'Orsell
Fraquita.....Miriam Norris
Mercedes.....Hester Collins
Marias.....George Crangin
Carmen, Cigarette Girl.....Edith Bradford
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SIX AMERICAN DANCERS

Although J. L. Lasky's musical novelty, "A Night on a House Boat," is billed as the headline at Chase's this week, the best act is given by the Six American Dancers. They are a sextet of clever foot manipulators and their dancing of the "American Patrol" is a most entertaining feature. Another act that scores is Fields and Ward, talk artists. They keep up a rapid conversation. Many of their quips and sallies have the recommendation of originality. They were welcomed on a par with the dancers.
Prince Koidu opens the bill with a good Japanese balancing act and is followed by Sam Williams in a pianologue. He confines most of his work to treating the audience with time-honored jokes and plays on words. The audience was chilly last evening, although the weather was warm. Just before the performance of the act Williams remarked, sotto voce: "I guess I'd better get another act." It would not be a bad idea, at that. Inez Macaulay and Charles O'Neil, who make good with a farcical farce by Edmund Day, Day really can do better than a farce. Inez is in the best of the act, but Macaulay and O'Neil should not be blamed.
The Casting Dancers give a good tragedy act. The Lasky act is precisely what it advertises — novelty. It requires nine people to fill the cast. These sing and attempt an occasional dance. The time-honored play in that and there is neither rhyme nor reason in the whole act. Motion pictures conclude the bill.

Thrilling Play at Academy.

A large and enthusiastic audience witnessed at the Academy last night the performance of "It's Never Too Late to Mend; or The Wanderer's Return." The reception accorded the presentation indicated that the thrilling melodrama is always popular in Washington. The plot is an acrobatic study, conventional one, with a beautiful heroine and a desperate kidnaper, but it is thrilling and realistic. The play is a pleasure to the eye and the ear. The principals carried their roles well.
"Star Show Girls" Lyceum.
The Star Show Girls, at this Lyceum this week, are treated by two up-to-date little stars, namely, "Dopey Dan" and "Streets of Cairo." Both of these melanges were well received by the large audience.
Jim Mackay is prominent in the cast. Baker & Lynn, in a comical act, received generous applause. The La Solinas, in an acrobatic study, and James C. Dixon, a clever comedian, were prominent in the olio which was squeezed in.
The Military Girls held the attention of the audience during their clever maneuvers. The chorus girls were pretty, and the scenery is tasteful.

"Runaway Girls" at Gayety.

Clark's "Runaway Girls," at the Gayety this week, present two musical farces, entitled "The Main Gabbard" and "A Pair of Kings," together with the usual olio.
The burlesques are quite well presented. In the olio the acrobatic performance of the Livingstons is rather above the ordinary, as is also the singing and dancing of Edle Rose. The other numbers are the Bowery Quartet, a short sketch, "The Wrong Doctor," by Smith and Company, and a sketch by Marion and Thompson, performers on the cornet.
benefit of a scholarship fund, will be given in the drawing rooms of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry. The program is an excellent one. John L. Edwards, Miss Katherine Heald, Miss Remy, and Miss Burket.
Leiter Wedding June 10.
Miss Juliette Williams, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. John R. Williams, and Joseph Leiter, whose engagement was announced a week ago, have selected Wednesday, June 10, as their wedding day. The ceremony will be solemnized in the apartments of the bride's parents, in the Connecticut, and the bridal trip will be to Europe.
After spending the summer at Manchester-by-the-Sea with Mrs. Leiter, the young couple will sail with her early in the fall for Europe for a series of visits to Mrs. Leiter's son-in-law, Lord Curzon; the Earl and Countess of Suffolk, her son-in-law and daughter, and Maj. and Mrs. Colin Campbell, still another son-in-law and daughter.
Today Miss Williams and Mr. Leiter took an automobile trip to Fort Dupont, Del., for a short visit to Colonel Williams, who is stationed there, and tomorrow Mr. Leiter will leave for Europe. The festivities in honor of the engagement will be held in abeyance until after Mr. Leiter's return, and Miss Williams' return from a short visit to New York with her mother the end of the week.
This evening Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Keep will be dinner hosts in honor

PAINT AND POWDER CLUB

SCORES PRONOUNCED HIT

With the glory of many successes resting on its broad shoulders, the Paint and Powder Club, of Baltimore, came over to Washington last night for a single performance in the Belasco Theater. The entertainment was a benefit for the Christ Child Society, and the seating capacity of the entire house was exhausted. Many stood throughout the long program, but the performers made this worth while, and the entertainment was a pronounced success.
Rarely have so many ravishing show "girls" been seen in Washington as those who composed the chorus in the Paint and Powder Club. The girls were properly ruffled and trilled, and wore décolleté as gracefully as the most prized beauty of the musical comedy stage, their coiffures struck envy to the heart of every girl in the audience, and

bassy and Mme. Godoy and Mlle. Godoy.

The Minister from Haiti and Mme. Legere, the Minister from Costa Rica and Mme. Calvo, Miss Calvo, the Minister from Bolivia and Mme. Calderon and Mlle. Calderon, the Minister from Peru and Mme. Pardo, the Secretary of the Colombian Legation and Mme. Guzman, the Minister from Chile and Mme. Cruz, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Oscar L. Straus, wearing an attractive gown of dark green velvet, the Speaker of the House and Miss Cannon, and their house guest, Mrs. D. C. Nugent, of St. Louis; Senator and Mrs. Andrew J. Bradley, Senator and Mrs. Perkins and Miss Perkins, Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover and Miss Clover, Dr. and Mrs. Chastard, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bradley, Miss Anna Cockrell, the Misses Patten, Mrs. Joseph Crawford and Miss Cary Crawford, the Misses Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Magruder and Miss Isabelle Magruder.
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marye had as their guests Mrs. Claude A. Swannson, wife of the governor of Virginia. Mrs. Swannson wore a beautiful toilette of black and white striped chiffon over white satin, and Mrs. Marye a becoming gown of white lace.
Mme. Thierry and her mother, Mme. Denis, occupied orchestra seats, and Mrs. J. Davis Brodhead and Mrs. Montgomery also entertained a number of guests.
Among the Baltimore people present were Mr. and Mrs. William Baldwin, who had accompanied them Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mallory, Mrs. Charles R. Spence, and Howard Harvey.
A musical tea, under the management of the League of the Covenant, for the